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DROUGHT AFFECTED STATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central Study Group has been set up to study long-term and short-term measures for drought problems in Uttar Pradesh including Bundelkhand and Madhya Pradesh in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide any special package to tackle the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the funds and foodgrains allocated for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): An Inter-Ministerial Central Study Team visited the Bundelkhand areas and some tehsils in Allahabad district of Uttar Pradesh in the 4th Week of January, 2008 and the Bundelkhand areas of Madhya Pradesh in the 1st week of February, 2008, to study the drought like situation in these areas with a view to assessing the ground situation and the scale of implementation of various medium-term and long-term drought mitigation programmes/schemes and to recommend strategy and various measures that are required for agriculture development suitable for the areas to ameliorate the current situation. The Team submitted its report which is under consideration.